

cc - Mr. Boardman
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Baumgardner
Mr. Williams

SAC, Atlanta

December 13, 1956

~~Director, FBI~~

PERSONAL ATTENTION

CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Although reports have been submitted to the Department on all citizens councils concerning which we have conducted investigations and inquiries to date, the Department has indicated the activities of these organizations do not fall within the purview of Executive Order 10450. In view of this fact, there is no basis upon which to base justification for further inquiry. Therefore, you are instructed to immediately discontinue inquiries concerning all citizens councils upon receipt of this letter. It is your responsibility to also immediately notify auxiliary offices of the discontinuance of the investigation.

In order that the Bureau may continue to carry out its responsibilities of keeping interested Government agencies informed of information of interest to them, you must continue your efforts to keep abreast of developments in order that the Bureau may be apprised of any situation which indicates a potential for violence. In obtaining information, however, absolutely no inquiries are to be made by you. You must secure the desired information through close scrutiny of the public press plus whatever information may be volunteered to you.

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Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

With respect to the use of confidential informants, I want it clearly understood that no informant is to be given any assignment in connection with obtaining information regarding the activities of citizens councils without prior Bureau authority. If you have a confidential informant already reporting on citizens councils matters you may continue to accept information volunteered by the informant but you must not give him any additional assignments in this field. If you feel it is necessary for some specific reason to continue an informant in a particular citizens council you must immediately advise the Bureau, together with the identity of the informant, his reliability and your assurance that continued operation of the informant will not result in any embarrassment to the Bureau.

Each office receiving copies of this letter must submit to the Bureau a monthly summary of information concerning the activities of citizens councils in your respective territories. The first such letter is to be submitted to reach the Bureau by January 15, 1957, and each succeeding letter must be submitted to reach the Bureau by the fifteenth of each month. This summary, which shall consist of an original and seven copies, must be submitted in memorandum form suitable for dissemination and forwarded to the Bureau by cover letter. These summary memoranda and your cover letter must bear the caption "Citizens Councils, (name of field office)". Each of these summary memoranda must also be dated.

As in the past, information received concerning citizens councils which requires expeditious handling must not be delayed for inclusion in the monthly summary but must be furnished to the Bureau promptly by whatever means of communication is required by the nature of the information.

Letter to SAC, Atlanta
Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

This matter must receive your personal attention and it is your responsibility, insofar as is possible, to see to it that the Bureau will continue to be in a position to furnish pertinent information concerning potential violence to interested Government agencies.

With respect to the administrative handling of current cases, you should submit a closing report within 30 days from the date of this letter. This report should incorporate any information which has been obtained to date not previously reported. If there is very little information to be reported, you may at your discretion submit a closing letter. On the administrative page of the closing report or in the closing letter make reference to this letter in order that the administrative handling at the Seat of Government may be facilitated.

The fact that we are discontinuing our inquiries concerning citizens councils is not to be discussed or made known in any manner to anyone outside your own office. This includes your confidential informants.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Richmond (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
(RICHMOND DIVISION)
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DATE: 1/15/57

Rebulet to Atlanta 12/13/56 captioned as above.

Transmitted herewith is a blank memo reflecting a summary of activities concerning Citizens Councils in the Richmond Division as requested in rebulet.

Copies of this memorandum are also being transmitted to Norfolk, Memphis and New Orleans for information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Richmond, Virginia

January 15, 1957

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CITIZENS COUNCILS

On November 2, 1956, "The Clarksville Times and Mecklenburg County Record", a weekly newspaper published at Clarksville, Virginia, carried an article captioned "Mississippi Council Leader to Speak in Clarksville November 16". This article related that William J. Simmons, Administrator of the Association of Citizens' Councils of Mississippi and a Director of the Citizens Council of America, would speak in the Clarksville, Virginia, school auditorium at 7:30 p.m., on November 16, 1956.

The above article related that James S. Bannister, President of the Mecklenburg Citizens Council (of Clarksville, Virginia) had prevailed upon Mr. Simmons to speak at Clarksville while Mr. Bannister was attending a caucus of the Citizens Councils of America recently held in Jackson, Mississippi.

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The November 23, 1956, issue of "The Clarksville Times and Mecklenburg County Record" carried an article captioned "William J. Simmons Impresses Citizens' Council Audience" which related that on the previous Friday evening Simmons had delivered a fifty minute talk before an audience of 300 in the Clarksville, Virginia school auditorium. This article continued as follows:

"Mr. Simmons was calm, but deliberate, in exposing the groups financing the fight for integration. In his 50-minute talk he dealt at length with the donations made by the Ford Fund for the Republic, taking his figures from the book published by the Foundation, citing the amounts and the organization receiving grants. Mr. Simmons pointed out that many of these organizations have been formed for the direct purpose on bringing an end to segregated society in the South.

"The Council of American spokesman, making his first Virginia speech explained the purposes of the Citizens' Councils of America and said: 'Radical groups have added the word "white" before the name of the Citizens' Councils in an effort to disturb racial harmony that has existed in a segregated society for many, many years.'

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"The learned Mississippi scholar told of conditions in his own state saying: 'In Mississippi, we have no problems, because we have strong councils. We have never used a method of boycott as we have been charged with, we are not bigots as labelled by NAACP and labor unions. We are a segregated state and will remain a segregated state throughout all time, regardless of decisions to the contrary. We have no problems because we have met the issues in a peaceful and educational manner, and that is the purpose of the Citizens' Councils.'"

The above article also related that William Stephenson, Editor of "The Virginian" spoke briefly on "What Price Union Slavery?" and dealt with quotations of the official paper of the labor unions, excerpts denouncing the South and all who stood for segregation. It also said that 27 new members were affiliated with the Mecklenburg Citizens Council at the gathering referred to and said that more than \$100 was donated to carry on the work of the Mecklenburg Citizens Council.

The ~~William~~ Stephenson referred to above is William Scott Stephenson, President of Virginia League, Incorporated, also known as Virginia League, 310 53rd Street, Newport News, Virginia, chartered by the State Corporation Commission, Richmond, Virginia, on June 13, 1955. The publicly announced purpose of Virginia League, Incorporated as stated in its publication "The Virginian" is to oppose racial integration in the public schools.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: 3/15/57

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Rebulet to Atlanta, 1/30/57.

Transmitted herewith is a blank memorandum reflecting a summary of activities concerning Citizens Councils in the Richmond Division received since our submission on February 15, 1957.

For the Bureau's information, the Confidential Informant referred to in this blank memorandum is [redacted] of Newport News, Virginia, a former PSI of the Norfolk Division, now a Source of Information.

It is contemplated that Norfolk will supply additional information concerning Brunswick-Lunenburg Citizens Council, mentioned therein, during the near future as such is reported by [redacted]

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Richmond, Virginia
March 15, 1957

Re: CITIZENS COUNCILS

Brunswick-Lunenburg Citizens Council

On January 28, 1957, a Confidential Informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, related that a new Citizens Council was being organized in Virginia, known as the Brunswick-Lunenburg Citizens Council, with approximately 100 members. Informant related that he had no further details concerning this organization except that it consisted of citizens of Brunswick and Lunenburg Counties in Virginia. He advised he thought he would be able to supply additional information concerning this group at a later date.

White Citizens Council of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia (Affiliated with the White Citizens Council of the District of Columbia)

An article appearing in the "Richmond Times Dispatch" newspaper, Richmond, Virginia, on March 14, 1957, captioned "Citizens Council Chief Clarifies Kasper Link", datelined Charlottesville, March 13, relates that GEORGE A. CASON, local President of the White Citizens Council, said that if the testimony of John Kasper before the Florida Investigating Committee concerning the fact that he had reportedly admitted attending parties of mixed racial groups in New York City and having danced with Negro girls was true, "I think personally I would be through with him." This article related that according to Cason the only association between the White Citizens Councils of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia, and the so-called Seaboard White Citizens Council group was an informal affiliation. CASON was also reported to have stated that if the reported testimony of Kasper, wherein he allegedly admitted association with Negroes on a social basis, were true, he would be in favor of withdrawing the affiliation of the Charlottesville and Albemarle County group from the Seaboard White Citizens Council.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: 4/15/57

FROM: *JAR* SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
(RICHMOND DIVISION)
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ReBulet to Atlanta dated 1/30/57.

Transmitted herewith is blank memorandum reflecting a summary of activities concerning Citizens Councils in the Richmond Division received since our submission on 3/15/57.

One extra copy of the blank memorandum is enclosed for Bufile 105-32909 captioned "DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, IS - X".

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Richmond, Virginia

April 5, 1957

CITIZENS COUNCILS

Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties

The Richmond Times-Dispatch newspaper published in Richmond, Virginia, carried an article in its March 23, 1957, issue captioned "Defenders are Told to Fight Integration" wherein it is related that the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties had held its first annual convention at the Hotel Jefferson in Richmond, Virginia. It was related that Congressman JOHN BELL WILLIAMS of Mississippi had spoken before the group on the evening of March 22, 1957, and had told the audience of about 700 persons that "... tyranny must be resisted even 'when it wears the sheep's clothing of judicial robes'". The article continued as follows: "The current crisis does not call for timidity, but for the 'taxing of new reservoirs of courage'".

The following additional pertinent portions of this article are quoted as follows:

"A leader in the South's fight against racial integration, WILLIAMS said, 'we must resort to drastic measures if we are to preserve the structure of our Republic.'"

"The drastic measures are necessary, he said, 'in the face of the Supreme Court's brazen usurpation of authority, its flagrant disregard of constitutional limitations, its willful flaunting of judicial precedents, and its wanton contempt for the doctrine of ... recognized principles of established law.'"

"WILLIAMS also said President EISENHOWER has taken official actions which were contradictory to previous statements on state's rights.

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"I think it can be said with reasonable accuracy," WILLIAMS declared, "that no President in the history of our great nation, in the discharge of his official duties, has more flagrantly violated his campaign promises or flaunted his publicly pronounced beliefs more than the present occupant at the house at 1600 Pennsylvania ave."

"WILLIAMS warned the Defenders that the integration forces are concentrating on Virginia 'not only because of the great prestige you enjoy among your sister states, but because they know that if they can break the will of the people of your state, other states will capitulate as a matter of course.'

"Virginians, he said, 'have never failed America in any hour of crisis, and I am confident as an American that in this crisis Virginia again will furnish the leadership so badly needed for our patriotic American cause.'

"WILLIAMS said there is no room 'in our movement for those who advocate violence, nor do we have a place for those who practice race mixing in private but who in public anoint themselves as leaders in the fight for racial purity.'

"WILLIAMS wrung a roaring applause from an audience of about 700 with the pronouncement that 'BILL (WILLIAM M.) TUCK is my candidate for President of the United States.'

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"TUCK, former Governor who now is Virginia's Fifth district representative to Congress, introduced the speaker. TUCK remarked that he favored 'whatever resistance may be necessary to make it impossible to integrate.'

"No one could be so naive as to believe we will ever surrender," TUCK declared. "There will be no middle ground."

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"Rep. WATKINS M. ABBITT of the Fourth district, the toastmaster, said the segregation issue 'is only the first obstacle' in the path of those who would have 'federalism, socialism and mongrelism in this country from one end to the other.'

"The next step, he added, is civil rights legislation. This he described as liberty-destroying. 'It is inconceivable,' ABBITT declared, 'that people could advocate its passage. It would mean that Congress has joined the Supreme Court in ignoring states' rights.'"

"The resolutions committee considered several recommendations for presentation before the entire membership at 10 a.m. today.

"One of the resolutions would declare null and void and of no effect in Virginia the May 17, 1954 decision of the United States Supreme Court. The ruling outlawed segregation of the races in Prince Edward county schools."

In its March 26, 1957, issue, the Progress-Index newspaper of Petersburg, Virginia, carried an editorial captioned "Why Bite Off More To Chew?" in which it is related that the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties at its first annual State-wide convention adopted a "Declaration of Convictions" calling upon the governing bodies of all Virginia localities "... to stand firm and united in support of State segregation policies." The editorial comment continued as follows:

"Also, it pays its respects to the use by the federal judiciary of coercion, intimidation, and threats of punishment to be visited upon local school boards and officers unless they refuse to recognize the lawful authority of the Virginia pupil placement plan.

"All of this is in line with the organization's mission as it has been understood from the beginning. In addition, the convention concerned itself with certain other matters. It expressed opposition to any effort to weaken immigration laws and to further depletion of our economic resources in the continuation of foreign aid. It went on record as being against submission of any part of the sovereignty of the United States to the control of the United Nations. It urged Americans to demand a reduction in federal taxes.

"The convention had every right to address itself to questions of immigration, the United Nations, foreign aid, and federal taxation if the delegates wished to do so.

No doubt the positions were taken out of conviction rather than out of hope of winning new members and fresh support, for rather there would seem to be danger of losing support from some who agree wholly with the anti-integration stand but who do not agree on all these other points or would prefer to express themselves through other channels."

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237 Sub 41)

DATE: February 15, 1957

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
(RICHMOND DIVISION)
INTERNAL SECURITY - XReBulet to Atlanta January 30, 1957,
captioned as above.

Transmitted herewith is a blank memorandum reflecting a summary of activities concerning Citizens Councils in the Richmond Division which information has been received by this office since January 15, 1957.

For the Bureau's information the December, 1956, and January, 1957, issues of "The Defenders' News and Views" were furnished this office by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past on January 16, 1956 and February 7, 1957, respectively.

Two extra copies of this cover memorandum and two extra copies of the blank memorandum forwarded herewith for Bureau file number 105-32909 concerning "Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, IS - X," and Bureau file number 100-423395 captioned "White Citizens Councils of the District of Columbia, IS - X."

Copy this memorandum and the attached blank memorandum being designated for Washington Field, origin in the case captioned "White Citizens Councils of the District of Columbia, WFO file 100-33226," and a copy for information is being designated for Knoxville in view of pending charges against JOHN KASPER in the Knoxville Division.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Richmond, Virginia

February 15, 1957

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CITIZENS COUNCILS

Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties

The December, 1956, issue of "The Defenders' News and Views" published by Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, 405-A East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia, carries an article on page one captioned "Directors Hold Annual Meeting" in which it is related that Mr. R. B. Crawford of Farmville, Virginia, agreed to serve as President of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties (hereinafter referred to as DSSIL) for another year. The article related that the other officers elected were the following:

Wm. B. Cocke, Jr., Sussex, Virginia, 1st Vice-President; C. F. Madcliff, Norfolk, Virginia, 2nd Vice-President; James S. Peasley, South Boston, Virginia, 3rd Vice-President; Catesby G. Jones, Jr., Gloucester, Virginia, 4th Vice-President; Sterling Harrison, Leesburg, Virginia, 5th Vice-President; Mrs. Raymond J. Farmer, Henrico County, Virginia, Secretary; E. Floyd Yates, Powhatan, Virginia, Treasurer.

Executive Committee:

R. B. Crawford E. Floyd Yates
Wm. B. Cocke, Jr. J. Segar Gravatt
J. J. Jewett

The December, 1956, issue of "The Defenders' News and Views" restated the aims and purposes of DSSIL in an article on page two captioned "The Purposes for Which This Association is Formed are:"

"1. To disseminate amid the people information concerning the fundamental principles and concepts of our federal government and a due regard for that federal system.

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"2. To teach and proclaim the necessity of the Federal Government restricting itself to its proper sphere and of preserving the sovereignty of the states.

"3. To instill a recognition of the worth to each individual of the historic liberties the citizens of the United States have enjoyed, and to increase the determination to defend those liberties by all honorable and lawful means against all efforts to encroach thereon.

"4. To seek by all honorable and lawful means the retention by each state of its full right and power to regulate within its borders, in the manner it believes to be most conducive to the happiness and good of its citizens, its own domestic arrangements, and within the limits of the law at any time existing, to study, investigate, plan, and advocate means and methods by which the people of each state may enjoy to the full this right and power in any of its domestic matters, whether educational, recreational, economic, social or otherwise.

"5. To provide the medium through which those desiring to further these purposes may make their views known throughout the country and may bring to bear in all proper ways their influence for the accomplishment of the same.

"6. To cooperate with others adhering to like principles in the furtherance of and effectuation of those principles."

The comment under the purposes of DSSIL continued as follows:

"The continuing threat of communism and socialism to our freedoms and way of life is increasing daily, and we must exert our efforts and resources against these efforts to destroy our entire government. To inform and educate our people to these threats is our job, and it presents a great challenge to each of us. Please accept your portion of this responsibility by being active members of our organization and by talking with your friends about joining with us."

In an article captioned "Virginia Beware!" on page three of "The Defenders' News and Views," December, 1956, issue was reprinted an article from the "Southern States Industrial Council Bulletin, December 1, 1956," wherein it was related that one George Depuy, a barber, and his wife, Anna, of Lake George, New York, were fined \$100 in a New York State Court for refusing to cut the hair of a Negro and quoted Tyre Taylor of Schenectady, New York, as commenting upon this incident as follows:

"If an American cannot refuse to work for a Negro, then he can be forced to work for the Negro. He is not forced to work for the Negro by the Negro but by the unconstitutional laws of the State of New York."

An article captioned "Clinton, Tennessee," appearing in the December, 1956, issue of "The Defenders' News and Views" is quoted as follows:

"The eyes of all America should be focused with grave concern on what is happening in Clinton, Tennessee, at this time. The outcome of the trial of sixteen defendants arrested by Federal marshals could well be a pattern in shaping the future destiny of every American.

"A brief review of what is happening there:

- "1. Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have moved into Clinton to gather evidence against these citizens who tried to protect their children by opposing forced integration.
- "2. Usually in minor cases of this kind state and local officials have jurisdiction but this time they were by-passed.
- "3. These 'accused' persons have been taken from their homes and community to Knoxville, some sixteen miles away, to face a judge, without trial by jury. Their punishment is limited only by the judge's discretion. They can, of course, appeal to a higher Federal Court.

"4. These Federal authorities are not enforcing a Federal Statute, but an injunction -- a court order -- by a Federal Judge. The injunction is based solely upon the judge's interpretation of the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, saying that segregation enforced by state law is unconstitutional. Congress has passed no law to implement that decision.

"The results of this 'trial' could indeed have far-reaching repercussions. The judge's order prohibits 'picketing at Clinton High School'. If a Federal judge can order no picketing, then the many labor unions in this country should take notice. Is the Federal Government taking away from us the right to express ourselves, and in so doing taking from us one of our most cherished freedoms, the Freedom of Speech?

"Our contacts in Tennessee tell us that among the sixteen 'accused' persons are some of the finest citizens of the community.

"We have also been informed that Mr. Dudley Gale has been elected to serve as Treasurer for the Freedom Fund for Clinton, Box 122, Nashville, Tennessee."

// The January, 1957, issue of "The Defenders' News and Views" carried the following article beginning on page one of this publication:

"You Can't Eat Integration," (Davis Lee in Newark, 'N. J. Telegram,' Negro Newspaper); This integration-segregation issue has stirred up bitterness, hatred, prejudices, and has destroyed long-standing friendships. But, strange as it may seem, fifty per cent of the Negroes are not concerned about it either way.

"The liberals, who are frothing at the mouth and shedding crocodile tears over the plight of the poor Negro in the South, will gladly give him integration, but won't give him a job or provide his family with clothing or bread.

"The Southerners don't want to have integration, but they will gladly give him a job and help clothe and feed his family.

"The liberals will open their schools to Negro children, but they won't hire many Negroes as teachers. The South won't admit Negro children to its schools, but they will give the Negro his own school manned by teachers of his own race. And all of this is given to him without cost.

"There are forms of segregation that are degrading and humiliating, but to have one's own school and teachers is not one of them. Giving the Negro his own school and teachers is more in keeping with that concept of freedom, justice, and equal opportunity that the founding fathers had in mind than is an integrated system of education . . .

"In no section of the country does the Negro enjoy the educational, employment, and economic opportunities which he enjoys in the South.

"The labor unions are pouring thousands of dollars into this integration movement, yet Southern Negroes are working at jobs that Northern Negroes cannot get because the unions will not accept them as members. There are more Negro carpenters, bricklayers and building contractors in North and South Carolina than there are in the 33 integrated states.

"Negroes can't eat integration. They need jobs. They need the opportunity to develop their talents. . . . The South is the only section of this nation that offers such opportunities. If these liberals and agitators are the Negro's friends and Southern whites are his enemies, then someone needs to protect him from his friends."

The January, 1957, issue of "The Defenders' News and Views" also carried an article captioned "Attention, Please," which is quoted as follows:

"We again call your attention to our offer to place the names of students in college on our mailing list without charge. Please send all names and addresses to our state office, 405-A E. Franklin St., Richmond, Virginia."

White Citizens Councils of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia, (Affiliated with the White Citizens Councils of the District of Columbia.)

On January 22, 1957, [redacted] Charlottesville, Virginia, Police Department, advised that he had been present at a meeting of the White Citizens Councils of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia, on the evening of January 20, 1957, which was held at the National Guard Armory in Charlottesville, Virginia. He said that the only speaker was John Kasper, Executive Secretary, of the White Citizens Councils of the District of Columbia, but that Kasper had been introduced by Mr. Fleming of Washington, D. C. (possibly Floyd Fleming), who had accompanied Kasper and otherwise assisted him on the occasion of a prior visit to Charlottesville.

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[redacted] advised that about 125 persons were present, that a collection was taken up and although he does not know how much was collected it appeared that the people were contributing generously to the fund which was allegedly for the Defense of John Kasper in connection with charges against him in Clinton, Tennessee. [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he had read an account of the meeting appearing in the "Daily Progress," a newspaper published in Charlottesville, Virginia, on January 21, 1957, and that the news account of the meeting appeared accurate.

The news article referred to by [redacted] as appearing in the "Daily Progress," January 21, 1957, is captioned "John Kasper calls for 'Tooth and Nail' Work." Pertinent portions of the article are quoted as follows:

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"Segregationist John Kasper called upon members of the White Citizens Council here last night to 'work tooth and nail' to prevent integration of Charlottesville schools.

"'Charlottesville is the United States of America,' declared Kasper. 'Everything is here that is in the United States -- corrupt politicians in city hall, carpet baggers, scalawags and every type of degeneration found in other towns.'

"...The group included several University students and two Negroes who were asked to sit in the balcony. They left before the meeting ended.

"Kasper urged local supporters to work through their Parent-Teacher Associations, examine candidates for office, check up on ministers, examine text books in the high schools and University, and 'get each teacher on record and publicize it.' He asked for a 'boycott of integrationists' and 'if necessary start another county newspaper.'

"'Work tooth and nail to clean up Charlottesville. Get rid of the carpetbaggers and scalawags, and they'll never integrate here,' he declared.

"Kasper commended the work of the local chapter, but in calling for a 'clean-up' of 'that pink-cheeked poodle-dog crowd at the University (the Human Relations Council),' he said, 'It's pathetic that an 'outside agitator' as they call me, has to come in and bust up those degenerate meetings.' Later he said, 'It's not illegal to make telephone calls to a man at any hour of the day or night.'

"Kasper also urged organization of a 'Negro citizens council that is against the NAACP and mixing of the races. Beat the NAACP over the head with those good Negroes,' he urged, and asked for a check-up on Negro schools here and their improvement if any are found not adequate.

"Kasper said there was a 'lack of responsibility' among men in public office and described President Eisenhower as a 'hypocrite and betrayer of his word.' Implying that the President's grandmother was a Negro, he averred, 'Racial integrity is inescapable. Ike Eisenhower is true to his one-quarter Negro blood.' The President said before he left the army 'he would never have integration in the armed forces,' Kasper said. 'Today he is giving official sanction to everything advocated by Reds, pinkos, flat-chested highbrows and over-educated people at the University.'

"Regarding the University of Virginia, Kasper said, 'You are supporting an institution where every degenerate kind of minority, Negro and Jew, is upheld over your own people.' He referred to President Colgate Darden as a 'pinko' and a 'socialist.'

"Kasper denied urging violence or overthrow of the government. 'Contrary to what you hear on the radio or read in the newspapers, I personally demand absolute legality.'

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To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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There is being furnished you herewith
for your information a copy of a memorandum dated
May 15, 1957, prepared by the Richmond Office of
this Bureau concerning the captioned matter.

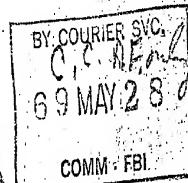
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

DATE: 5/15/57

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
(RICHMOND DIVISION)
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Rebulet to Atlanta dated 1/30/57.

Transmitted herewith is a blank memorandum reflecting
a summary of activities concerning Citizens Councils in the
Richmond Division received since 4/15/57.One extra copy of the blank memorandum is enclosed
for Bufile 105-32909 captioned "DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY
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Richmond, Virginia

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CITIZENS COUNCILS

Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties

"The Defenders' News and Views", April 1957 issue, Volume 2, No. 4, published by the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, 405-A East Franklin Street, Richmond, Virginia, devotes almost the entire four pages of this issue to a summary of activities at the first State Convention of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties (DSSIL) held at Richmond, Virginia, March 22 and 23, 1957. In an article captioned "More Than 700 Attend First Convention" it is related that the principal speakers at the convention were Representative JOHN BELL WILLIAMS of Mississippi, Congressman WILLIAM M. TUCK of Virginia, and Representative WATKINS M. ABBETT of Virginia. The substance of the statements related by these speakers has previously been reported in our summary concerning DSSIL dated April 15, 1957.

A column on Page 2 of the April issue of the above publication captioned "Saturday Morning Session" is quoted as follows:

"The principal speaker at the concluding session on Saturday morning was Brigadier General BONNER FELLERS (USA Ret) General FELLERS, in expressing his concern over the future of our country said that the business of making alliances with foreign nations 'is a stupendous thing called world leadership'. The result is that we have the tyranny of big government which 'overshadows the states.'"

"He quoted from former President HERBERT HOOVER who once said that the Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and the Bible provide ample guidance for the American People. 'In shaping their Declaration of Independence and the Constitution,' said FELLERS, 'our forefathers sought and received Divine guidance. Both of these instruments reflect Christianity in its purest form. These two great documents breathe the very essence of human liberty. They guard and safeguard us against every Old World evil from which our ancestors fled Europe: Universal Military Conscription, Entangling Alliances, Interminable European Wars, Confiscatory Taxes, Debtors Prison, The Tyranny of Big Government.'"

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"For a century and a half the American people, under the protection and guidance of our Constitution, rose to the greatest power on earth. At the same time they enjoyed the blessings of liberty to an extent never before known by any people anywhere."

"Then somehow foreign teaching began to creep into our government. The Constitution was branded as old fashioned. The Supreme Court was packed. Big government began to impinge upon the Rights reserved for the States and the People by the Constitution."

"General FELLERS said that as a consequence of this departure from the Constitution, the American People now suffer from every evil from which our Forefathers fled Europe. The freedoms for which our Ancestors fought and won are disappearing before our eyes. We now have: Universal Military Conscription, Entangling Alliances, Engage in Interminable Foreign Wars, Taxes are Confiscatory, Unpaid Taxes Lead to Prison, The Tyranny of Big Government is Upon Us."

"Have we," he asked, "the character of our Forefathers to liberate ourselves from these evils?"

A column in the above publication captioned "Declaration of Convictions" is quoted as follows:

"The Committee on Resolutions presented a 'Declaration of Convictions' to the Saturday session, and this declaration was unanimously adopted. (Space does not permit us to print the entire text; however, we print the following excerpts):

"We first affirm our deep and abiding loyalty and devotion to our country and its institutions. We acknowledge the constitution to be the bulwark of our liberties, ever subject to the sovereign powers reserved by it to the states and to the people.

"We believe that a policy which undertakes to force the association of one race with the other against the will of either, by court decree under threat of fine or imprisonment, is destructive of mutual good will and respect, breeds resentment and animosities, and is injurious to the true interests of all the people.

"Among the reserved rights and powers of the states, guaranteed to the state of Virginia under the Tenth Amendment, is the power to maintain racially separate public schools.

"We do most solemnly commend our great senior senator from Virginia, Harry Flood Byrd, for his recent clarion call for all Virginians to stand staunch and firm where Virginia has always stood in ages past in opposition to tyranny from whatever quarter it may come.

"The threat to the liberties of our people is mortal. The course of Virginia has been set. The contest is for eternal values. We call upon all local legislative bodies of the counties and cities of Virginia in the sacred name of the liberties of our people to stand firm and united in support of the policy and the course which has been fixed for Virginia in this crucial hour.

"It is essential that those responsible for the administration of our schools should be alert, that the fundamentals of a sound education are taught to our Virginia children, including an understanding of the fundamental constitutional system under which we live.

"It is essential that the molding of the minds, characters and spiritual lives of our children should remain under the control of Virginia parents. We do, therefore, urge our representatives in the Congress and the United States Senate to oppose all legislation designed directly or indirectly to repose control of our educational system in the Federal Government.

"We oppose any effort to weaken further the immigration laws of America and the further depletion of our economic resources in the continuation of so-called aid to foreign nations.

"We deplore the continued and ever increasing burden of federal taxation, the return of such revenue to our people being always conditioned upon a further loss of their liberties.

"We declare our unalterable opposition to the submission of any portion of the sovereignty of the United States of America to the control of the United Nations or the submission of the domestic affairs of the states or the rights of any citizens of the United States to the control to any extent or by any means to the United Nations or any of its agencies or to the authority of any foreign power, government or agency whatsoever.

"Let us conduct ourselves with dignity, with self-restraint, without violence and without hatred or ill will toward any man or group of men. But withall let us conduct ourselves as worthy heirs of those who have gone before.

In an article captioned "Defenders 'Recognized' ", on page 4 of the above publication, it is related that the April (presumably 1957) issue of Harpers Magazine carried an article by one BENJAMIN MUSE, wherein

the writer related "I am one of those Southerners who rejoiced when the Supreme Court handed down its decision declaring segregation in the public schools unconstitutional."

The article continued by quoting BENJAMIN MOSE as follows:

"In Virginia 12,000 members of the Defenders of State Sovereignty have been more effective politically than 100,000 moderate citizens."

MUSE: " This article concluded with the statement "Thank you, Mr.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/23/57

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Transmitted herewith is a blank memo reflecting some activity on the part of the White Citizens Councils of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Va. (affiliated with the White Citizens Councils of the District of Columbia, aka Seaboard White Citizens Councils).

One extra copy of the blank memo is enclosed for Bureau file 100-423395 captioned "WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, aka. IS-X" and one copy of this memo and the blank memo are being sent to WFO, office of origin, in the latter captioned case.

Some delay has been occasioned in submission of this memorandum in view of the heavy stenographic backlog in the Richmond Division about which the Bureau has been separately advised.

In this connection reference is made to Bureau letter to Atlanta dated 6/5/57, Bureau file 105-34237, captioned "CITIZENS COUNCILS, IS-X" advising offices to discontinue the monthly summary letter on Citizens Councils. In the light of instructions in that Bureau letter, advice is requested as to whether or not submissions in the future containing information specified in Bureau letter of 6/5/57 should be submitted under the caption "CITIZENS COUNCILS, IS-X" or if it should be submitted under the caption of the particular Citizens Councils group to which the data relates.

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* White Citizens Councils of Charlottesville and Albemarle County,
Virginia, affiliated with White Citizens Councils of the
District of Columbia, also known as Seaboard White Citizens
Councils

On June 29, 1957, the Richmond Times Dispatch, a daily newspaper published in Richmond, Virginia, carried an article captioned "Citizens Unit Attacks U. Va. Negroes' Housing" datelined Charlottesville, June 28, which related that an official of the local White Citizens Council said Friday his organization plans to make an official protest of the residence of a Negro family in the married student housing project at the University of Virginia. The article continued as follows:

"George Cason, president of the council organized last year to fight integration, said he would protest through official University channels and to his congressman and senator. He said he would contact Judge J. Segar Gravatt of Nottoway county, a member of the University Board of Visitors, to ask the family be moved.

"Judge Gravatt said Friday night at his home in Blackstone that he had not received any protest. He said that he did not know whether the Board of Visitors would recommend any action for University officials to take, if the matter is brought to the board's attention.

"I personally would have no control over the matter" he said. "But I will give any matter with merit careful consideration before bringing it before the board".

"Judge Gravatt said he had no personal opinion to express on the residence of the Negroes because he had no idea of the facts of the situation".

"The family, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Williams of Hampton and their 7-month-old son, moved to the housing project, Copeley Hill, Tuesday. They were assigned a trailer by the University housing office.

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"Donald Thompson, mayor of Copeley,^{VA} said the Copeley council met Friday afternoon and adopted a resolution to draft a letter asking the University police force to provide protection of the Negro family. The council will also ask the family to stay in the housing project, he said.

"Williams said that a man, who identified himself as a member of the White Citizens Council, came to his trailer Thursday night, said they had no business there and suggested that they leave. The man left without incident, Williams said.

"Friday, Louis Hicks of Albemarle county and a member^{VA} of the Citizens Council, said he was the man who had called on Williams to tell him 'he was not supposed to be there with those white people and didn't he think he ought to move away'. He said he did not make any threats.

"Cason said he will write the regular tenant of the trailer and inform him it is being occupied by a Negro family. However, Donald MacKay, housing director, said Friday Maurice O'Connell, who occupies the trailer during the University's regular sessions, knows the Negro family resides in the trailer and has offered no objection."^{VA}

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SAC, Richmond (105-732)

August 1, 1957

Director, FBI (105-34237-41)

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(RICHMOND DIVISION)
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In the future, information concerning Citizens Councils should be submitted under the caption of the particular group to which the contents of the letter relate. Where the name of the organization is unknown it will be permissible to submit the information as captioned above.

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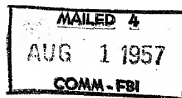
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SAC, Richmond (105-732)

October 31, 1957

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Reurlet dated October 24, 1957.

In the program instituted by your office as reflected in relet it was noted that inquiries will be made through reliable sources to obtain up-to-date information concerning all citizens councils; that a recheck will be made with the State Corporation Commission to determine if these groups have been chartered; that similar inquiries will be made at courts in the localities where the organizations maintain headquarters; and that other action of like nature will be taken to obtain data concerning these groups.

Your attention is again directed to Bulet to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957, captioned as above, copies of which were furnished your office, in which it was pointed out that the Bureau is not interested in the activities of citizens councils as such and that no active inquiries should be conducted concerning citizens councils. The sole interest of the Bureau is the gathering of intelligence data in advance of possible violence or interference with Federal court orders or injunctions and the gathering of information which will permit the development of witnesses in the event such violence or interference takes place. Also as pointed out in Bulet to Atlanta, mentioned above, your efforts in this regard must be extremely discreet.

The action taken by your office in connection with instructions issued by the Bureau in this matter should be in direct ratio to the potential for violence and other activities on the part of citizens councils to prevent integration and, therefore, it is being left to the discretion of the Richmond Office as to the number of informants and sources necessary for your office to keep apprised of the activities of these

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Re: Citizens Councils
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groups; however, the Bureau desires to again caution you on the necessity for discreetness in this matter.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Bulet to Atlanta 10/9/57, instructed development of informants and sources in citizens councils in those areas where there is or may be racial trouble in the future. Instructions were so worded that some field offices will not be required to develop any sources while others must have complete coverage depending on the circumstances. Richmond, from information set forth in referenced letter, appears to be reinstituting inquiries concerning activities of citizens councils which was not intended by the Bureau. Of necessity it must be left to discretion of Richmond Office as to what coverage that office will need to keep abreast of this situation.

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TO : Director, FBI (105-34237 Sub 41)

DATE: 10/24/57

FROM : SAC, Richmond (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Re Bureau letter to Atlanta dated 10/9/57.

In order that the Bureau will have in its control file a brief picture of the several Citizens Council groups existing in the Richmond Division, the following is being set forth:

- (1) Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, IS - X, Bureau file 105-32909, Richmond file 105-405, 00 - Richmond.

The certificate of incorporation of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties (DSSIL) was filed with the State Corporation Commission, Richmond, Virginia on October 26, 1954. Headquarters of the group is in Richmond. Aims and purposes as stated in certificate of incorporation make no mention of opposition to racial integration in public schools, but officials of this group have publicly admitted that DSSIL is "pledged to preservation of racial segregation" and they have also taken part in opposing integration. Newspaper publicity in July, 1956, indicated DSSIL had a membership of approximately 12,000. Previous inquiries concerning the activities of this organization, which have been reported to the Bureau, reflect that numerous highly respected Virginia citizens and political figures are members of DSSIL. The official organ is "The Defenders News and Views", published monthly at Richmond. All information developed during prior inquiries indicates the leaders and members of this group are opposed to violence and illegal tactics and are concerned only with opposing racial integration in the public schools through legal means.

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- (2) VIRGINIA LEAGUE, INCORPORATED, aka
Virginia League, IS-X, Bureau file
105-38960, Richmond file 105-496,
OO - Norfolk (Norfolk file 105-237)

Captioned group, hereinafter referred to as VL, was chartered by the Virginia State Corporation Commission on June 13, 1955, with headquarters at Highland Springs, Virginia, since changed to Newport News, Virginia, where its organ "The Virginian" is published monthly. The articles of incorporation of VL make no mention of racial issues, but the aims and purposes as publicly admitted by its officials are opposition to racial integration in the public schools. The membership in VL in 1956 when inquiry concerning the activities of this group was discontinued, indicated that it had about 400 members in the State of Virginia. However, the mailing list of "The Virginian" was reliably reported in 1956 to be between 4,000 and 6,000. Information from reliable sources received in latter part of 1956 and in 1957 indicates certain writings in "The Virginian" have been interpreted as being anti-semitic. There has been no indication from information obtained to date in the Richmond Division indicating officials or membership at large of this group would support, encourage or instigate violence to support its policies on non-integration.

- (3) FAIRFAX CITIZEN'S COUNCIL, IS - X,
Bureau file 105-44495, Richmond file
105-576, OO - Richmond

The Fairfax Citizen's Council (FCC) was formed in February, 1956, by residents of Fairfax County, Virginia, for the admitted purpose of opposing racial integration in public schools and to preserve States Rights. FCC has a constitution but is not chartered. It claims to be completely independent of other citizens council groups. Membership is extended to members of the white race only. It is headquartered at Fairfax, Virginia.

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FAIRFAX CITIZENS COUNCIL

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On September 12, 1956, [redacted]

[redacted] voluntarily contacted a Bureau Agent at Alexandria, Virginia, furnished a copy of the constitution of that organization, identified its officials and stated that she and members of her group abhor violence and did not desire to have any association with groups such as the so-called White Citizens Councils headed by JOHN KASPER. She advised this was a small group with no regular meetings. Inquiries previously conducted revealed no indication of tendencies to instigate, support or tolerate illegal procedures on the part of this group.

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- (4) WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF CHARLOTTESVILLE AND ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA (Affiliated with the White Citizens Councils of the District of Columbia, aka Seaboard White Citizens Councils) IS-X, Bureau file 100-423395, Richmond file 105-632, OO-WFO (WFO file 100-33226)

Captioned group was formed at Charlottesville, Virginia, on September 8, 1956, as an affiliate of the WCC of the District of Columbia. Members of the latter group have been reported to have incited riots and generally promote violence under the leadership of JOHN KASPER; however, no activity indicative of illegal procedures or intentions have been reported concerning the Charlottesville and Albemarle County groups. In this connection, it is noteworthy that the Richmond Times-Dispatch newspaper of March 14, 1957, carried an article captioned "Citizens Council Chief Clarifies Kasper Link", datelined Charlottesville, March 13, which related that GEORGE A. CASON, VA, local "president" (actually chairman) of the White Citizens' Council said that if JOHN KASPER's testimony in Florida regarding dancing with Negro girls at New York parties is true "...he would favor his organization withdraw from affiliating with the Seaboard White Citizens Council". According to the article, CASON had been subpoenaed to testify before a Virginia State Legislative Committee and produce records of his organization

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and according to CASON, the Charlottesville group has nothing to do with KASPER beyond affiliating with the group of which KASPER was executive officer. He was quoted as saying "The only relation we have is the fact that Kasper organized us". He was also quoted as saying "Kasper has nothing in the world to do with our council. He can't take part in it".

Membership figures for this organization are not available but it is a comparatively small and local group. It has no known organ and has issued no literature as such since its organization, which has come to the attention of this office.

- (5) VIRGINIA CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR BETTER SCHOOLS
IS- X, Bureau file 105-52569, Richmond file
105-679, 00 - Richmond

The Virginia Citizens Committee for Better Schools (VCCBS) is a small group of about 45 persons in Fairfax County and that area and was reportedly organized in the summer of 1956, is, according to statements of its [redacted] Fairfax, Virginia, opposed to racial integration in public schools, but has no regular meetings and such meetings as have been held, according to the information available, succeed important court decisions and were for the purpose of discussing what legal means were available to oppose integration and to publicize its views through the medium of newspapers and personal contacts. A very limited inquiry concerning this group in 1956 revealed no information tending to indicate this group would support, instigate or engage in illegal procedures.

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- (6) MECKLENBURG CITIZENS' COUNCIL, aka Citizens' Council of Mecklenburg County, Clarksville
Citizens Council, Bureau file 105-49006,
Richmond file 105-685, 00 - Richmond

The MCC was formed at Clarksville, Virginia, in October, 1956, at a meeting of about 300 local citizens for the

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announced purpose of opposing racial integration in public schools and protecting States Rights. It had not been chartered when our prior investigation concerning this group was concluded in 1956. It has no organ, has published no literature coming to the attention of this office and its activities have been of a purely local nature in Clarksville, Virginia, and vicinity. As a sample of its policies and views toward the racial integration problem in public schools, it is noteworthy that the Progress-Index newspaper of Petersburg, Virginia, July 29, 1957, carried an article on its editorial page captioned "Not That Important", which related that the Mecklenburg Citizens' Council had recently passed a resolution condemning JOHN KASPER in the following language.

"John Kasper has done more to integrate the races in the South than any combination of other forces, including the NAACP". It described him as "a troublemaker dispatched to the South by Northern integrationists and has accomplished what he was sent South to do-make radicals of decent, law-abiding citizens".

The following plan of action is being instituted by the Richmond Division pursuant to instructions in rebulet.

(1) This office will reopen its files on all of the above organizations except the Virginia League, Incorporated, which is headquartered at Norfolk Division and hereby request that Norfolk furnish Richmond copies of any communications pertaining to VL activities within Richmond Division pertinent to instant organization.

ND | Inquiries will be made through reliable established sources to obtain up-to-date information concerning all these groups including a detailed review of newspapers in localities concerned for any pertinent data.

(2) Will recheck State Corporation Commission, Richmond, Virginia, to determine if those groups mentioned above other than the Defenders of State Sovereignty and

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Individual Liberties and Virginia League, Incorporated have been chartered since our previous investigations were discontinued and will make similar inquiries at the courts in the localities where the organizations are headquartered.

(3) With specific reference to the White Citizens Councils of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Richmond will consider itself office of origin in this case, but since it was organized as an affiliate of WCC in which WFO is origin, WFO will be furnished copy of reports or any communication prepared until such time as it may be determined that this group is no longer affiliated with WCC.

(4) Newspapers in the area where groups are located will be subscribed to (in fictitious names if determined desirable) and reviewed daily for information concerning activities of these groups including the Virginia League, Incorporated.

(5) Discreet efforts will be made to obtain any literature published by each of the groups concerned except for Virginia League, Incorporated, whose headquarters are in Norfolk territory and who has previously established literature coverage there. In this connection, it is to be noted that Richmond Division presently obtains all issued of "The Defenders News and Views" through [redacted] Although this paper is supposed to be published each month, this is not actually done. b7D

(6) Efforts will be made to identify additional persons who may be utilized as confidential sources, PSIs and SIs in order to effect appropriate coverage of these groups. However, for Bureau's information none of the groups concerned have indicated any attempt to conceal their activities. On the contrary, they seek to publicize their views and functions; and, for this reason and in view of the fact that some of the members of these groups are prominent influential persons, any efforts to develop sources must proceed with caution and discretion.

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(7) After a period of 60 days during which current up-to-date information concerning these groups will be obtained consideration will then be given to making the cases pending inactive providing appropriate coverage has been developed by that time and thereafter activities will be followed only through newspapers, literature and sources developed.

(8) A 30 day report requested by Bureau will be submitted in accordance with instructions at least through the second 30 day report and Bureau will be consulted with respect to each potential confidential source or PSI identified in line with instructions.

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Date: August 1, 1957

To: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Army
The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Chief, Security Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: WHITE CITIZENS COUNCILS OF THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
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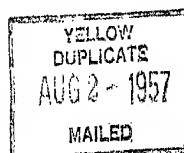
There is being furnished you herewith for your information, a copy of a memorandum dated July 23, 1957, prepared by the Richmond Office of this Bureau captioned "Citizens Councils" which pertains to the White Citizens Councils of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia, which organization is affiliated with the captioned organization.

Enclosure

- 1 - Director of Naval Intelligence (enclosure)
- 1 - Office of Special Investigations BY COURIER SERVICE
Air Force (enclosure)
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General William F. Tompkins by O-6, same date.
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1 - Bufile 105-34237-41

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 11/15/57

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebuletts 10/9/57 and 10/31/57.

Concerning action being taken by the Richmond Office for development of coverage in this matter as requested in rebulet dated October 9, 1957, please be advised that a conference was held in Richmond on November 4, 1957, with appropriate personnel of the Richmond Office, including representatives from the RAS in Alexandria, Danville, Lynchburg, and Petersburg, Virginia, in which areas previous investigation has indicated the existence of citizens council groups. Likewise, this matter is to be a topic for discussion with all Agent personnel of the Richmond Office at the Semi-Annual Agents Conference scheduled for December 10 and 12, 1957.

In line with Bureau instructions and observations, arrangements are being made for subscribing to appropriate newspapers in the area covered by the Richmond Office and they are being closely scrutinized for possible trends towards violence.

The files of the organizations listed in Richmond letter dated October 24, 1957, have been re-opened and are currently being reviewed for the purpose of re-instituting previous coverage and to identify new sources for development. Prior to re-contacting a previous source or attempting to utilize an individual as a source in this matter, prior Bureau authority will be obtained and extreme discretion will be maintained.

When the review of the above-mentioned files for the purpose of establishing coverage has been completed, these files will be closed and continuing efforts to establish coverage will be handled through the captioned file. The Bureau will be kept informed of the progress being made in this matter.

- 2 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
 - 1 - Norfolk (105-235) (Info.) (RM)
 - 1 - WFO (100-33226) (Info.) (RM)
 - 1 - Richmond
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1 - Mr. William

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SAC, Richmond (105-732)

December 2, 1957

Director, FBI (105-34237-41)

EX-135

CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated November 23, 1957, in which
you requested authority to contact [redacted]
[redacted] Lynchburg, Virginia, as a source
concerning citizens councils.

No attempt should be made to develop [redacted]
as a source in connection with citizens councils; however,
there is no objection if you contact [redacted] for the
purpose of explaining to him that the Bureau is interested
in the potential for violence of citizens councils and
in violations of laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction,
particularly civil rights violations. No efforts should
be made to have [redacted] join or report on any citizens
councils.

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No record of [redacted] was located in Bufiles.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] according to Richmond letter, has been
very cooperative with the Bureau in the past. There are
no citizens councils in or in immediate vicinity of
Lynchburg; however, ~~there~~ appears to be no objection to
having Richmond explain to [redacted] the Bureau's
interests and position with regard to activities of
these councils.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 11/23/57

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS - X

Rebulet October 9, 1957.

The following individual is being considered
as a source to be contacted in this matter:

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
Lynchburg, Virginia.
3. [redacted] in the
city of Lynchburg. [redacted]
[redacted] Lynchburg. He has
been a member of the department since
August 16, 1935.
4. [redacted] is not known to be a member or
officer of any council or similar group.

There are no citizens councils in the City of Lynchburg, or the immediate surrounding area. However, several years ago, a minor effort was made by some organizers from councils in other cities to interest some individuals in Lynchburg, including prominent officials, to form a council in Lynchburg. At that time, [redacted] among a number of other persons in Lynchburg, was approached, but was not interested in joining. (At that time, he informed the Lynchburg Resident Agent that he was not in sympathy with the purposes of the councils and feared they might become instruments for illegal acts if they came under the control of irresponsible persons.) It is believed that he would be in position to acquire information

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regarding such movements.

5. [] is believed to be entirely trustworthy and willing to be of service to the Bureau for the following reasons:

About 1951, an investigation was conducted in Lynchburg under the caption []

[] VICTIM" (Bufile 44-4925, Richmond File 44-73). This investigation was based on the alleged illegal arrest and beating of [] by Lynchburg Police officers. (At that time, []

of the department.) City officials declined to furnish information to the investigating agent. At the outset of the investigation [] confidentially contacted the investigating agent and stated that, although he thought the police department had conducted a proper investigation on its own of the allegations, he realized that the Bureau was under an obligation to conduct an investigation. He declared that he felt that all law enforcement agencies must cooperate with each other and that it was his opinion that the Lynchburg officials should cooperate with the Bureau in its investigation, but that the higher city officials had decided otherwise. Thereafter, he influenced the then Chief of Police to furnish some information to the investigating agent. Throughout the investigation, he offered such assistance and information as he could under the circumstances. Of even more value was the fact that during and after the investigation he pointed out to other personnel of the department that the Bureau was under an obligation to conduct its investigation and that the Bureau was merely doing its duty.

In subsequent months, he indicated to other personnel of the department verbally and by his attitude that he felt the Bureau had acted properly in

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conducting its investigation. As a result relations between the Bureau and the police department had become strained and which might have been severed, remained intact and within a short time, were restored to a cordial and cooperative basis.

Upon [redacted], he stated to Bureau personnel that it was his desire to cooperate fully with all law enforcement agencies and particularly with the Bureau. Since that time he has furnished complete cooperation in all matters. He has been contacted on a number of confidential matters and has been found completely trustworthy and discreet.

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It is recalled that at the time the episode at Clinton, Tennessee, arose, [redacted] stated that it was his intention to [redacted] the best of his ability, regardless of whether the subjects might be white or colored and that he planned to be alert constantly for any indication in Lynchburg of any such potentiality. He volunteered that he would feel it incumbent on himself to furnish the Bureau with any information which he might receive since he knew the Bureau would be vitally interested. He re-affirmed his position at the time of the racial events in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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6. The files of the Richmond Office contain no information which would make contact with [redacted] inadvisable.

7. It is recommended that Bureau authority be granted to contact [redacted] with the view to making him a general source in this and related matters.

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**CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

It is not desired that you develop as sources in citizens councils law enforcement officers. However, there is no objection to your office contacting Traylor for the purpose of explaining to him that the Bureau has no interest in the legitimate activities of citizens councils but would appreciate obtaining any information which comes to his attention concerning the potential for violence of these groups or regarding the violations of laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction in which these groups may be involved.

It is believed inadvisable to have a police officer developed as a source concerning citizens councils; however, there appears to be no objection to having the Bureau's position explained to Traylor. Numerous references to him in Bufiles were reviewed and it was determined that he enjoys a very favorable reputation, is a National Academy graduate and has been very cooperative with the Bureau for many years.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 11/23/57

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS - XReference Bureau letter to Atlanta dated
October 9, 1957.In accordance with Bureau instructions, the
following is submitted for Bureau approval as a con-
fidential source in connection with captioned matter.

1. WILLARD E. TRAYLOR
2. 769 Myrick Ave., Petersburg, Va.
3. Chief of Police, Petersburg, Va.
4. TRAYLOR is neither an officer or member of this or any similar group. However, in his position as Chief of Police, he secures information readily and normally would be one of the first persons in the community to know of such activities.
5. TRAYLOR is a National Academy graduate and is completely reliable. He has over the years been most cooperative with the Bureau in all matters of mutual interest and has been found to be very discreet. However, he has not furnished any information regarding Citizens' Councils.
6. The files of the Richmond Office contain no information that would make contacts in captioned matter inadvisable.
7. It is recommended that the Bureau approve Chief TRAYLOR as a source

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to be contacted regarding captioned
and similar matters.

- Mr. William

SAC, Richmond (105-732)

December 27, 1957

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**CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X**

Reurlet dated December 17, 1957 in which
you requested authority to contact [redacted]
lieutenant, Martinsville, Virginia, Police
Department, in connection with captioned matter.

Bufiles contain no information concerning
[redacted] not already known to your office. As you
have been advised previously the Bureau does not
desire that informants or sources concerning citizens
councils be developed among local law enforcement
officers. However, there is no objection to your
contacting [redacted] for the purpose of explaining
to him the Bureau's position with regard to
citizens councils, that is, that the Bureau has no
interest in the legitimate activities of these
organizations but is interested in violations of laws over
which the Bureau has jurisdiction, particularly civil
rights violations, and in potential for violence.

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Furnish Bureau promptly results of contact
with [redacted]

1 - Bufile 1-8373 [redacted]

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Richmond advised [redacted] is completely reliable,
and has been most cooperative with the Bureau in the past.
Bufiles reveal [redacted] made application 11/22/57
to attend National Academy. This application is pending.
Nothing derogatory in files.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 12/17/57

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS-X

ReBulet to Atlanta dated 10/9/57.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, the following is being submitted for Bureau consideration in connection with captioned matter.

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted] Virginia
3. Lt. of Police, Police Department, Martinsville, Virginia
4. [redacted] is neither an officer or member of any citizens councils. He has resided in the Martinsville, Virginia, area all his life, and is acquainted with a majority of the persons living in that area. As Lt. of police he is aware of the activities of most persons in this area, and would be one of the first persons in the area to know if a Citizens Council or similar group was formed there. He would also have information concerning the activities of any such group formed in the area.
5. [redacted] is completely reliable. He has been a law enforcement officer for eleven years, and is most cooperative with the Bureau. He has been found to be most discreet in all respects. [redacted] has not furnished information in the past concerning Citizens Councils or similar groups.
6. The files of the Richmond Office contain no information that would make contact with [redacted] in captioned matter inadvisable. [redacted] was born in [redacted] Virginia, on [redacted]. He served in the U. S. Navy under serial number [redacted] from [redacted] December 31, 1943, to March 16, 1946. 105-34237-41-11

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7. It is recommended that the Bureau approve for contact in connection with captioned matter. b6 b7C

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: December 24, 1957

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS - X

Remylet dated November 15, 1957.

Concerning the program outlined in reBulet of October 9, 1957, please be advised that this program was a topic of discussion of the Richmond Office at the Semi-Annual Agents Conference held on December 10 and 12, 1957.

Since the submission of re Richmond letter, this office has submitted the names of the following sources to the Bureau and authority has been given to contact these individuals:

[redacted] Lynchburg, Virginia;
[redacted] Charlottesville, Virginia;
[redacted] Clarksville, Virginia;
[redacted] Lynchburg, Virginia;
WILLARD E. TRAYLOR, Petersburg, Virginia;
[redacted] Fairfax, Virginia.

In addition to the above, Richmond has submitted a letter requesting authority to contact [redacted] Martinsville, Virginia, as a source in connection with the captioned program.

Contact will be made with these individuals in an attempt to insure that the Bureau will be apprised of any information indicating a potential for violence or information reflecting violations of laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction in which Citizens Councils groups may be involved. Continued efforts will be made to secure additional sources to be developed for this program.

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As mentioned in relet, subscriptions have been made for appropriate newspapers in the area covered by the Richmond Office and these newspapers are being closely scrutinized for information indicating possible trends towards violence.

From information received from these sources on the activities of Citizens Councils operating in this area as well as investigation conducted in unrelated cases, there has been nothing to indicate any illegal activities on the part of these organizations and further information reflects that these organizations would not tolerate any act of violence or the advocacy of such by any of its members.

This matter will be closely followed and every effort will be taken to insure the receiving and prompt reporting of any information indicating possible trends towards violence in this territory and the Bureau will be kept informed of progress being made in this matter.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 1/20/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference Bureau letter to Richmond dated 12/5/57.

Chief of Police WILLAR E. TRAYLOR, Petersburg, Virginia, was contacted on January 15, 1958, as suggested in Bureau letter. He was informed of the Bureau's interest and he offered his full cooperation. He stated that he knew of no groups in the Petersburg, Virginia, area that had a potential for violence. He said that he would advise the Bureau in the event anything along this line came to his attention.

② Bureau (105-34237-41) (Registered Mail)
2-Richmond (105-732)

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1 - [redacted]
1 - Mr. Kelly

SAC, Richmond

January 14, 1958

Director, FBI (62-101087-49)

**RACIAL SITUATION
STATE OF VIRGINIA**

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In connection with current litigation concerning desegregation of public schools in Prince Edward and Arlington Counties, and Charlottesville, Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia, Richmond and Norfolk are requested to furnish the Bureau promptly with the following information:

(1) Brief, concise summary of legal action taken and contemplated in connection with the desegregation of public schools in the areas referred to above.

(2) Names, identities of officers, and other pertinent information regarding organizations which may become involved. These organizations may include the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, citizens councils and others. Include background information and subversive information, if available, on officers.

(3) Informants and sources in each organization which may become involved who are in a position to keep your office apprised of developments.

(4) A brief picture of the general racial conditions which exist.

After submission of the requested information furnish the Bureau with a concise, monthly summary of all additional pertinent information received in these categories. Such summaries should be prepared and transmitted so as to reach the Bureau no later than the 20th of each month.

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① - Bufile 105-34237-41 (Citizens Councils)
1 - Bufile 61-3176 (NAACP)
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SAC, Richmond
Re: Racial Situation
State of Virginia
62-101087-49

Your attention is directed to the fact that the Bureau has no investigative jurisdiction over such matters as race riots, civil demonstrations and similar developments. However, the Bureau does have the responsibility of advising appropriate agencies and officials on both a national and local level of all pertinent information obtained concerning such incidents. The Bureau cannot emphasize too strongly the urgency of this matter. It will be your personal responsibility to see that all necessary arrangements are made to insure that all developments of this type occurring within your territories are promptly reported to your offices, and upon receipt thereof, furnished to the Bureau promptly on a continuing basis. Such information should be furnished the Bureau by airtel in memorandum form suitable for dissemination, unless the information is of such a nature that a more expeditious means of communication is deemed warranted. Any information in the afore-mentioned categories which is so furnished to the Bureau should subsequently be included in the next regular summary submitted.

Racial matters must be handled most discreetly and no open investigation of racial situations per se should be conducted.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Desegregation cases in Norfolk, Newport News, Charlottesville have been reviewed by Supreme Court, returned to District Courts for issuance of orders setting dates for desegregation in those areas. Case in Arlington County under appeal to Supreme Court, which is expected to refuse to review the case about March. Case in Prince Edward County also under appeal to Supreme Court which is expected to refuse to review case about February. While it appears that Virginia will be able to delay school segregation orders until September, 1958, felt desirable Bureau obtain information requested and follow Richmond and Norfolk closely to insure they will be on top of situation should difficulty develop.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 1/20/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY-X

ReBulet December 27, 1957.

On January 15, 1958, Lt. [redacted] Police Department, Martinsville, Virginia, was contacted by SA MELVIN J. YANCEY. [redacted] was advised of the fact that the Bureau has no interest in the legitimate activities of any citizens councils or organizations, but is interested in violations of laws over which the Bureau had jurisdiction, particularly civil rights violations, and in potential for violence.

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[redacted] advised that he long ago decided to make it his business to make inquiry into any group trying to organize a council in the Martinsville area, and to date no efforts have been made to organize such a group in that area. He stated he feels sure he would know if an attempt to organize or become active in that area was made, and that he would advise should he receive any information that the Bureau might possibly be interested in. [redacted] volunteered that he personally is very much opposed to all citizens councils and groups, and does not desire to see them in operation in his area even if they are confined to legitimate activity. He stated there has been very little discussion of racial matters in the Martinsville area, and no specific problems involving the two races have come up.

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In accordance with instructions contained in referenced Bureau letter, Richmond will not attempt to develop [redacted] as an informant or source. He will however be contacted from time to time, and any information furnished by him will be immediately reported to the Bureau.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41-12) DATE: 1/20/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Remylet 11/23/57 concerning [redacted]
[redacted] Lynchburg, Virginia, and Bureau letter
12/2/57.

On December 17, 1957, [redacted] was contacted on other Bureau matters. At that time explanation was made to him in accord with the Bureau direction in referenced Bureau letter. [redacted] replied that it was his desire to cooperate to the utmost with this Bureau in any matter over which the Bureau has jurisdiction, and that he would be constantly alert to bring to the attention of the Richmond Office any matters which he felt would in any possible way be of interest to the Bureau.

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Close liaison will be maintained with [redacted] not only in this matter but in all related affairs.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 1/20/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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ReBulet to Richmond dated 12/2/57, concerning [redacted]

On January 15, 1958, Mr. [redacted] was contacted on other Bureau matters and in accord with instructions in Bulet discussion was had with him regarding instant matter.

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[redacted] noted that he had kept alert to the formation of any citizens councils in the Lynchburg, Virginia, area and was convinced that there was no activity of any kind in Lynchburg, Virginia. He noted that most of such activity was in the eastern and southern part of the state and he did not believe there would be any activity in the state west of Farmville, which is in Prince Edward County. Mr. [redacted] recalled that about one year ago he was contacted with the request that he spearhead the formation of a council in Lynchburg but declined. He recalled that [redacted] present Commonwealth Attorney and former Bureau Agent, [redacted] local insurance broker, and [redacted] local attorney, were subsequently contacted and that all had declined on the grounds that they did not approve the formation of a council in Lynchburg or the vicinity. He stated that he was confident that if any steps were taken in the Lynchburg area to form a citizens council, he would be among the first to be contacted and the first to know of such activity.

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[redacted] stated that he felt it incumbent of himself to furnish the Bureau with any information he might receive in this matter and if any information came to his attention of the possible formation of a council in Lynchburg or the surrounding area, he would immediately notify this office.

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SAC, Richmond (105-732)

February 5, 1958

Director, FBI (105-34237-41) - /7

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet January 23, 1958, in which you requested authority to interview [redacted], concerning captioned matter.

In relet you advised [redacted] is not a member of any citizens council. As it was pointed out in Bulet to Atlanta dated January 13, 1958, captioned as above, copies to your office, the Bureau desires that individuals who are in a position to furnish information concerning action contemplated by councils be developed as sources. Obviously if [redacted] is not a member of a citizens council he is not in a position to furnish the information desired by the Bureau. Authority is therefore denied to contact him.

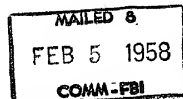
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NOTE ON YELLOW:

On 7-18-41, [redacted] made application for position of messenger-clerk with the Bureau. Subsequent investigation revealed one of his references was the subject of an Internal Security - G and Hatch Act investigation and was reported to be pro-Nazi. [redacted] was never employed by the Bureau. [redacted] wife, [redacted], nee [redacted] was a clerk at the Bureau from August, 1941, to December, 1943. It is not known if a citizens council exists in Winchester. If there is such a council Richmond should select as a potential source a member of the organization and if not there is no need to interview anyone in that area. Nothing is to be gained by interviewing an individual who cannot furnish what we want while the possibility exists such an interview may result in adverse publicity.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 1/23/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rebulet dated October 9, 1957.

It is requested that permission be granted the Richmond Division to contact the following named individual for the purpose of explaining to him that the Bureau is not interested in the activities of Citizens Councils as such but is desirous of obtaining information indicating potential for violence or violations of laws over which the Bureau has jurisdiction which result from activities of Citizens Councils or other similar groups in the community. He is not being asked to join or report on any Citizens Councils.

To assist in the Bureau determining whether or not this individual should be contacted, the following information is being submitted:

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. Occupation and Business Address:
Owner, [REDACTED], Winchester, Virginia
4. Mr. [REDACTED] is not a member of such groups. He enjoys an outstanding reputation in Winchester both from a business and civic standpoint. He is a native of Winchester, graduate of a local High School, past president of the local [REDACTED] past president of the [REDACTED] the local Red Cross Chapter and Bloodmobile programs,

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[redacted] of the local March of Dimes Drive, [redacted] First Presbyterian Church, Winchester and active in many other civic affairs. He is a former U.S. Army Air Force Officer and for several years had been the Commissioner of Little League Baseball for Winchester and surrounding area. By reason of his work, his interest in all phases of civic affairs and his long residence in Winchester, he knows a large segment of the population and enjoys the confidence of many prominent citizens in the area. Mr. [redacted] is married to the former [redacted] [redacted] a former Bureau employee.

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By virtue of the above facts it is believed that Mr. [redacted] would be aware of any potential activity in the captioned matter in the Winchester area.

5. Mr. [redacted] has been known to the local Winchester Resident Agent for several years and has never been known to participate in anything off-color or to be indiscreet with any information which may have been furnished to him in his various business and civic interests. He has not been contacted in connection with any official investigations but has offered access to his [redacted] to agent and has offered the use of his office facilities on occasions if the Bureau found this necessary at any time.

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6. There is no information in the files of the Richmond Division which might indicate a contact with [redacted] would be inadvisable.

7. It is recommended that [redacted] be contacted for information concerning Citizens Council activities in Winchester, in the event such activities may be instituted in the future.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 1/24/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Remylet dated December 24, 1957.

Concerning the program outlined in reBulet dated October 9, 1957, please be advised that the various newspapers being subscribed to have been carefully reviewed for information indicating possible trends towards violence and no pertinent information has been noted.

Contacts have been established with the following individuals and sources previously authorized by the Bureau. These individuals have been apprised of the Bureau's position with regard to Citizens Councils and the Bureau's jurisdiction and its interest in potential violence. These contacts have developed no positive information reflecting a potential for violence. Those contacted during the past thirty days are:

[redacted] Lynchburg, Virginia,
[redacted] Charlottesville, Virginia,
[redacted] Lynchburg, Virginia,
WILLIARD E. TRAYLOR, Petersburg, Virginia,
[redacted] Fairfax, Virginia,
[redacted] Martinsville, Virginia.

In addition to the above, Bureau has granted authority to contact Mrs. [redacted] Arlington, Virginia, and [redacted] Clarksville, Virginia. Contact will be made with these individuals.

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Continued efforts are being made to secure additional sources to be developed for this program. In this connection, letters have been submitted to the Bureau requesting authority to contact LESTER INGLIS BOWMAN, Petersburg, Virginia, and [redacted], Winchester, Virginia, and letters are being prepared on [redacted] Keysville, Virginia, and [redacted] Fredericksburg, Virginia.

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This office is continuing on a day to day basis to be alert through its investigative activities for information or situations bearing on this program and every opportunity for developing new sources will be utilized.

[redacted] an established informant since 1952, is [redacted] the Defenders of the State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties and is currently furnishing this office with all copies of correspondence and publications distributed by this organization. As previously reported, all information developed concerning this organization indicates that its leaders and members are opposed to violence and illegal tactics.

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During contact with [redacted] Charlottesville, Virginia, on January 8, 1958, [redacted] advised that no information has come to his attention during the past several months reflecting that the White Citizens Councils of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia, have conducted any activities.

In connection with the White Citizens Councils of D. C., aka, IS - X, Bureau file 100-423395, information was received by sources in Washington, D. C., indicating that a meeting of this group or a group of this nature was scheduled to hold a meeting in Winchester, Virginia, on January 11, 1958. Bureau was advised by radiogram dated January 13, 1958, that discreet, reliable and well-informed sources in Winchester, Virginia, advised they knew of no meeting by this organization or a group of this nature which was held in Winchester or vicinity on January 11, 1958 and no information was obtained indicating plans for such a meeting scheduled for the future.

In connection with the investigation of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (North Carolina) IS - KLAN, Bureau File 105-55211, it was reported that members of this organization from North Carolina held a rally near Danville, Virginia, on the night of December 7, 1957, at which there were thirteen Klansmen present. This rally, which was reported to be the first KKK rally held in Virginia since the 1920's, was reported to be very unsuccessful due to the small attendance. It should be noted that the press in the State of Virginia, afforded considerable publicity to the Klan meeting and editorial comments throughout the State were unfavorable towards the Klan. In this connection, these editorials strongly commented that there is no place in Virginia for the KKK and noted that violation of law and forms of violence will not be tolerated by Virginia authorities. These editorials noted that law and order and peaceful relations between the races prevailed in Virginia and organizations of this type will not be permitted to disturb that situation.

It should be further noted that in connection with the survey conducted by the Richmond Office pursuant to Bulet dated November 8, 1957, captioned "Civil Rights Matters" contact was made with sixty-three established reliable sources and informants throughout the territory of the Richmond Office and these sources and informants, who are in a position to be aware of any civil rights violations, advised that they knew of no group formulating or following policies of violating or conspiring to violate the civil rights of individuals in the State of Virginia. These sources and informants were alerted to be on the look-out for such information and to immediately advise this office of any information indicating such activity.

This matter will be closely followed and efforts will be continued to obtain coverage in connection with this program to insure the receiving and prompt reporting of any information indicating possible trends towards violence in this territory.

- Mr. William

SAC, Richmond (105-732)

February 6, 1958

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - R

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Reurlet 1/23/58 in which you requested authority
to contact Lester Inglis Bowman as a source concerning
citizens councils.

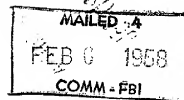
In relet you advised he is not a member or an
officer of any citizens council but in his position as
chairman of the school board, Petersburg, Virginia, he is
in a position to learn of such groups and their activities.
As pointed out in Bulet to Atlanta, copies to your office,
1/13/58 captioned as above the Bureau desires that sources
be developed among those individuals who will be in a
position to know what action is contemplated by councils
in the event they decide to resist court orders to integrate.
From the information set forth in relet it does not appear
that Bowman is in such a position, and, therefore, authority
is denied to contact him as a source in this matter.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 1/23/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference Bureau letter to Atlanta dated October 9, 1957.

In accordance with Bureau instructions, the following is submitted for approval as a source in connection with captioned matter.

1. LESTER INGLIS ~~BOWMAN~~
2. 1172 Northampton Road, Petersburg, Virginia.
3. ~~Practicing Attorney, 702 Union Trust Building, Petersburg, Virginia.~~
4. BOWMAN is not an officer or member of such a group. However, in his position as Chairman of the School Board, Petersburg, Virginia, he is in a position to learn of such groups and their activities.
5. BOWMAN is a former Special Agent of the Bureau and is believed to be reliable. He gives every indication of being completely friendly with the Bureau and there is no known reason to question his discreetness. He has not furnished any information regarding Citizens' Councils.
6. The files of the Richmond Office contain no information that would make contacts in captioned matter inadvisable.
7. It is recommended that the Bureau approve Mr. BOWMAN as a source to be contacted regarding captioned and similar matters.

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SAC, Richmond (105-732)

February 12, 1958

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CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated February 4, 1958 in which
you requested authority to contact [redacted]
concerning captioned matter.

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Bufiles contain no information concerning
[redacted] not already known to your office. It is noted
in relet that [redacted] has been contacted on a number
of occasions in the past and is a former SAC contact
of the Richmond Office. You advised in relet that
it is the intention of your office to utilize him
as a general source in connection with citizens councils
and related matters in the Fredericksburg, Virginia,
area since he is well informed on activities in that
vicinity. Authority is granted to contact [redacted].
Inasmuch as he is not a member of a citizens council
and, therefore, is in no position to furnish the
information concerning those groups which the Bureau
desires he should not be considered as part of your
coverage of citizens councils.

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[redacted] should be informed that the Bureau
has no interest in legitimate activities of these
organizations but is interested only in violations
of laws within the Bureau's jurisdiction, particularly
civil rights violations, or information concerning
possible acts of violence.

Furnish Bureau promptly results of your
contact.

NOTE ON FOLLOW:

Ordinarily the field would be denied authority
to contact an individual such as [redacted] inasmuch as he is not
in a position to furnish what we need; however, Richmond
advised he would be used for related racial activities and is
the best and most reliable source in the Fredericksburg area.
Nothing in relet or Bufiles which would indicate contact
inadvisable.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-Sub 41)

DATE: February 4, 1958

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet October 9, 1957.

1. [redacted] is being considered as an individual to contact in instant matter.
2. [redacted] Fredericksburg, Virginia.
3. [redacted] in Fredericksburg, Virginia, since 1928. During the last World War, he obtained a leave of absence from his job, and served honorably with the armed forces of this country. Since the war, he has served as a National Committeeman for the American Legion. He was also formerly a SAC Contact of the Richmond Office. b6 b7C
4. He is not known to be a member of any citizens' councils.
5. It is believed that [redacted] is completely trustworthy. This is based on the following. On many contacts with [redacted] in connection with Bureau cases, he has expressed a great admiration for the Bureau and has stated that he would be willing to be of assistance to the Bureau in any way possible. On a number of occasions, he has been contacted concerning confidential matters, and he has not only been trustworthy, but has been able to assist Agents by developing and furnishing the desired information.
6. There is no information in the Richmond files which would make contact with [redacted] in this matter undesirable. b6 b7C
7. It is recommended that Bureau authority be granted to contact [redacted] in this matter.

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For the information of the Bureau, if contact with [] is authorized, it is the intention of this office to utilize him as a general source in connection with the captioned groups if they appear in this area. He will also be used on other related matters in the Fredericksburg, Virginia, area, since he is well informed on activities in this area and is considered one of the best and reliable sources available.

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1 - Mr. Williams

SAC, Richmond (105-732)
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CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

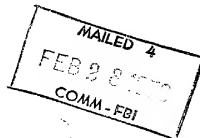
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you requested authority to contact [redacted]
concerning captioned matter.

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In relet you advised [redacted] is not known
to be a member of any citizens council and that no
citizens council has been organized in the area in
which he resides. In view of this it is felt that he
is not in a position to furnish the Bureau information
desired in connection with coverage of citizens councils
and, therefore, authority to contact him is denied.

For your future guidance the Bureau does not
desire that you authorize a "shotgun" approach in an
effort to obtain sources in prosegregation organizations.
You should be most selective in determining those
individuals who should be contacted in this regard
and only those individuals who are in a position to
help the Bureau should be considered. Obviously
[redacted] while he may be cooperative, is in no
position to assist the Bureau in this regard.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237 - Sub 41) DATE: 2/20/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS-X

ReBulet to Atlanta dated 10/9/57.

1. [redacted] is being considered as
an individual to contact in instant matter.2. [redacted]
Waynesboro, Va. and [redacted] on
[redacted] in the same city.3. [redacted] was an officer with the Waynesboro
Police Department until approximately 1946 when he resigned to
go into business for himself. [redacted] was a very capable
and efficient officer while employed by the Waynesboro Police
Department and had the respect of his superiors, fellow
officers and the community which he served. He is the type
of person who has the ability to mix with people from all
walks of life and through his many contacts in the Waynesboro
area keeps abreast of all activities which occur in this
section of Augusta County, Virginia.4. [redacted] is not known to be a member of
any citizen council. (In this connection it is pointed out
that no citizens council has organized in Waynesboro or
Augusta County, Va.)5. It is believed that [redacted] is completely
reliable and trustworthy. He has been very cooperative with
Bureau personnel and has furnished valuable information in
connection with both criminal and applicant matters under
investigation by the FBI.6. There is no information in the files of the
Richmond Office which would make contact with [redacted]
in this matter undesirable.7. It is recommended that Bureau authority be granted
to contact [redacted] in this matter. 105-34237-41-21CC: 2-Bureau (RM)
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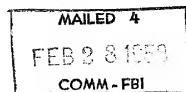
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INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reurlet dated February 20, 1958, in which
you requested authority to interview [redacted]
concerning captioned matter.

In relet you advised [redacted] is not known
to be a member of a citizens council and there is no
council organized in the vicinity in which he resides.

In view of the above it appears that [redacted]
is in no position to furnish the type of information
the Bureau desires and, therefore, authority to
interview him is denied.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-Sub 41)

DATE: 2/20/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS-X

ReBulet to Atlanta dated 10/9/57.

1. [redacted] is being considered as an individual to contact in instant matter.

2. [redacted]
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3. [redacted] who is a native of Augusta County Va. is an [redacted] and has served as [redacted] for the City of Staunton, Va. for approximately fifteen years or until he resigned this position in 1957. [redacted] is well-informed on all matters effecting the citizens of Staunton and Augusta County and through his various contacts established through the years as [redacted] is an excellent position to furnish information in advance of possible violence or interference with Federal Court orders or injunctions.

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4. [redacted] is not known to be a member of any citizen council. (In this connection it is pointed out that no citizens council has organized in Staunton or Augusta County, Va.)

5. It is believed that [redacted] is completely reliable and trustworthy. He has been very cooperative with Bureau personnel during the past fifteen years and has furnished much information of value to agents investigating both criminal and applicant matters. [redacted] is the type of person who keeps all matters discussed with FBI personnel in strict confidence.

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6. There is no information in the files of the Richmond Office which would make contact with [redacted] in this matter undesirable.

It is recommended that Bureau authority be granted to contact [redacted] in this matter.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 2/24/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS-X

Remylet 1/24/58 and Bulet to Richmond 2/17/58.

Since submission of Richmond letter of January 24, 1958, contact has been made with the following individuals previously authorized by the Bureau:

[redacted] Arlington, Virginia. In Richmond letter dated January 24, 1958, it was pointed out that although [redacted] was apparently willing to assist the Bureau in this matter, it does not appear that she is in a position to furnish information concerning the activities of [redacted] and the White Citizens Councils of D.C. This letter further pointed out that [redacted] volunteered to be alert for any pertinent activities, and it was noted that this Office would recontact her within forty five days to determine if any additional information had come to her attention, and thereafter recommendations would be made concerning contact with her.

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[redacted] Clarksville, Virginia, was contacted and apprised of the Bureau's position with regard to citizens councils and had no pertinent information. Since [redacted] is a police officer and is not a member of a citizens council, he is not being considered as a source in the captioned program.

[redacted] Fredericksburg, Virginia, was likewise contacted and no positive information was developed. According to [redacted] he declared there is no citizens council activity in or around Fredericksburg, Virginia. Inasmuch as [redacted] is not a member of a citizens council, he is not being considered for further development.

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Concerning the following on whom letters were submitted requesting authority to contact, authority was denied by the Bureau:

LESTER INGLIS BOWMAN, Petersburg, Virginia
[redacted] Winchester, Virginia
[redacted] Keysville, Virginia

Letters have been submitted to the Bureau requesting authority to contact the following:

[redacted], Farmville, Virginia
[redacted] Alexandria, Virginia
[redacted] Staunton, Virginia
[redacted] Waynesboro, Virginia

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To date no information has been received from the contacts made or from a review of the various newspapers being scrutinized by this Office indicating any possible trends towards violence.

Inasmuch as reBulet pointed out that individuals who are members of the citizens councils are in the best position to furnish information the Bureau desires, this Office is directing its attention to securing informant coverage in this category. A review is being made of all news accounts and publications, as well as a review of the files maintained in the Richmond Office to identify members of the Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, The White Citizens Councils of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia, and the Fairfax Citizens Council for the purpose of identifying logical targets for development as contacts and sources.

This matter will be closely followed and continued efforts will be made to obtain the desired coverage on citizens councils in the areas where racial difficulties can be expected to be encountered.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 2/28/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Reference Richmond letter to Bureau dated 2/4/58, and Bureau letter to Richmond dated 2/12/58.

On 2/20/58, [redacted] Fredericksburg, Virginia, was contacted by SA [redacted] in this regard. He stated that he fully understood the responsibilities of the Bureau regarding violations of law within the Bureau's jurisdiction. He stated that any information concerning violations of civil rights or any information concerning possible acts of violence coming to his attention, will be reported immediately. He stated that to his knowledge there are no type of Citizen's Councils in or around Fredericksburg, Virginia. He pointed out that he hopes this situation continues to exist, since he feels that the majority of the so called Citizen's Councils do more to stir up trouble and agitation, rather than to accomplish any constructive purpose. He added that if any council of any type starts in Fredericksburg, Virginia, he will probably hear about it, and if so, he will immediately advise this office.

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- ② - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 3/24/58

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
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Remylet 2/24/58.

Since submission of relet, Bureau has
authorized contact with the following individuals:

[redacted] Farmville, Virginia,
in case captioned "DEFENDERS OF STATE SOVEREIGNTY
AND INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, IS-X"

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[redacted] Charlottesville, Virginia,
in case captioned "WHITE CITIZENS COUNCIL OF CHARLOTTE-
VILLE AND ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, IS-X".

Contacts are being made with the above
individuals and the Bureau will be advised of the
results of these contacts.

Requests were submitted to the Bureau for
authority to contact the following, which were denied:

[redacted] Charlottesville,
Virginia; [redacted] Waynesboro, Virginia;
[redacted] Staunton, Virginia; and [redacted]
Alexandria, Virginia.

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Continued efforts will be made to obtain the
desired coverage on citizens councils in the areas
where racial difficulties can be expected to be
encountered.

2-Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL)
1-Norfolk (REGISTERED MAIL)
1-Richmond

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 4/25/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
IS-X

Remylet 3/24/58.

During the past thirty days authorized contact was made on 3/21/58 and 3/28/58 with [redacted] Farmville, Va., in the case captioned "Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, IS-X." [redacted] was cooperative and will be carried as a source.

On 4/16/58 authorized contact was made with [redacted] Charlottesville, Va. in the case captioned "White Citizens Council of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Va., IS-X". [redacted] was also cooperative and advised he [redacted] for the White Citizens Council of Charlottesville and Albemarle County and their last meeting was held in October, 1957. He advised the organization is no longer active. [redacted] informed he is also a member of the Charlottesville - Albemarle Chapter, Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties. [redacted] will be carried as a source in the captioned program.

Continued review is being made of newspapers for information indicating possible trends towards violence and no pertinent information has been noted.

Continued efforts will be made to obtain coverage in connection with this program to insure the receiving and prompt reporting of any information indicating possible trends towards violence in this territory.

CC: 2-Bureau (RM)
1-Norfolk (105-306) (Info) (RM)
1-Richmond
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Mr. Williams

SAC, Richmond

May 15, 1958

Director, FBI (105-34237-41)

PERSONAL ATTENTION

CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet October 9, 1957, instituting a program for development of coverage in citizens councils and Bulet February 17, 1958, in which Richmond and Norfolk were instructed to take affirmative steps immediately to secure coverage in citizens councils in Arlington and Prince Edward Counties, Charlottesville, Norfolk and Newport News, the five areas in Virginia in which racial trouble may most likely occur.

This letter is to put the SACs in Richmond and Norfolk on notice that the Bureau is very much concerned about the coverage developed to date in citizens councils in the areas mentioned above. In the past seven months Norfolk has developed one source who is a member of a citizens council in the Norfolk area. No coverage has been developed in the Newport News area. During the same period of time Richmond has developed four sources who are citizens council members. One source is in the Charlottesville area and another in Prince Edward County; however, the latter source is in Farmville, Virginia, and in the event citizens council members in that area contemplate resorting to violence he would undoubtedly not be made aware of this planned action due to his position. Richmond has no coverage in Arlington County. This is a situation which the Bureau cannot and will not tolerate. In view of the impending racial difficulties in your territories it is inconceivable that steps have not been taken previously to obtain coverage desired by the Bureau.

This matter must receive the personal attention of the SACs in Richmond and Norfolk. The necessary steps to improve your coverage of citizens councils must be pushed vigorously and you will be held personally responsible for achieving results. In the monthly letter

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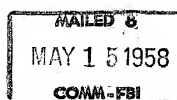
1 - Bufile 105-34237-56 (Citizens Councils in Norfolk)

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SAC, Richmond
Re: Citizens Councils
105-34237-41

due at the Bureau May 25, 1958, submit specific steps being taken and contemplated to supplement your coverage. Include the names of all citizens councils active in the five areas mentioned above and the estimated membership of each.

Be assured that this matter will be followed closely at the Bureau.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

The five areas mentioned above have been involved in litigation concerning desegregation of schools. Information available shows that more than likely there will be integration in these five areas in September, 1958. There is every reason to believe such integration will be resisted and the possibility strongly exists that such resistance may be accompanied by acts of violence.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237-41)

DATE: 5/23/58

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-732)

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

ReBulet dated May 15, 1958.

On May 21, 1958, another conference was had with the SAC and agents of the areas of Arlington, Price Edward Counties and Charlottesville, for the development of coverage in connection with the program outlined in Bulet of October 9, 1957.

Richmond is fully cognizant of the acute situation that may result from the action being taken in Virginia in connection with the Supreme Court ruling on segregation in the public schools and of the necessity for developing coverage to insure that the Bureau's responsibilities will be effectively and properly discharged concerning incidents that may arise where violence may develop. Continued and immediate efforts will be taken to improve the current coverage in citizens councils in the areas of Arlington County, Charlottesville and Prince Edward County, and attempts will be made to secure sources for recommendation that will meet Bureau's criteria and obtain coverage desired by the Bureau. Specifically discussed at this conference was the names of the organizations who are active in these areas and the individuals who would met Bureau criteria for development.

In the Arlington County area, it was determined that the following organizations are active:

Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual
Liberties (DSSIL)

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- 2 - Bureau (105-34237-41) (Registered Mail)
- 1 - Norfolk (105-306) (Registered Mail)
- 1 - Washington Field Office (Registered Mail)
- 4 - Richmond (105-732)

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Fairfax Citizens Council,
Tenth District Fundamental Education Organi-
zation of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As the Bureau is aware, the White Citizens Council of D. C., aka Seaboard White Citizens Council, maintains headquarters in Washington, D. C. [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, has reported to Washington Field Office on the activities of this group and has identified members and officers of this group, several of which reside in northern Virginia. Further, it has been reported that this group has indicated interest in the activities of northern Virginia, and since the organization has, through the activities of its leader, JOHN KASPER, a past record for interference in a school desegregation case, it can be anticipated, should there be trouble in northern Virginia, that members of the White Citizens Councils of D. C. may become involved.

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In view of Washington Field Office's coverage of the activities of this organization, both in the District of Columbia and in northern Virginia, and since there is no organizational set up of this group in Virginia, no attempt is being made, at this time, by the Richmond Office to develop additional sources in this group and it is expected that Washington Field Office will be alert for any information indicating a potential for violence by members of this group.

Concerning the membership of the organizations active in Arlington County, [redacted] Fairfax Citizens Council, an authorized source, on May 21, 1958, advised that there are approximately 140 members in the Fairfax Citizens Council. [redacted] added that DSSIL in Arlington County have approximately 250 members. She further advised, however, that there are a total of approximately 2000 individuals in Arlington County who have attended meetings, contributed money or otherwise assisted the DSSIL in Arlington County. [redacted] stated that the Tenth District Fundamental Education Organization of the Commonwealth of Virginia is still

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in the process of being organized and is quite small at this time. She stated she is sure that there are less than 250 members in the organization and most of them are also members of the Arlington Chapter of DSSIL. She again pointed out, however, that there are now or will be many people who will give financial aid to this organization even though they are not members.

In view of [redacted] statement concerning the Tenth District Fundamental Education Organization of the Commonwealth of Virginia which information appears to concur with information available to this office concerning the formation of this group since it appears that members of DSSIL are responsible for the establishment of this organization, Richmond, at this time, will concentrate its coverage in the development of sources in the Arlington Chapter of DSSIL and it is believed that through these sources, the desired sources will likewise be developed in the Tenth District group.

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Richmond is in the process of reviewing the names of all known members in DSSIL and Fairfax Citizens Council utilizing the names of individuals known from previous inquiries conducted by this office as well as the names obtained through newspaper accounts and as supplied by [redacted] who has been [redacted] of the Arlington Chapter of DSSIL.

Pertinent background data will be obtained concerning the names of individuals selected as possible sources and these names will be submitted immediately to the Bureau for authorized contact.

In the Charlottesville area, the organizations who have been active in the past, have been the Albemarle Chapter of DSSIL and White Citizens Councils of Charlottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia.

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On April 16 and May 16, 1958, during contacts with [redacted] Charlottesville, Va., an authorized source

who is a member of the DSSIL and [redacted]
[redacted] for White Citizens Councils of Charlottesville
and Albemarle County, Virginia, it was reported that there
are approximately 1000 members of DSSIL in the Charlottesville
area. According to [redacted] the White Citizens Councils of Char-
lottesville and Albemarle County, Virginia, is inactive and
there has not been a meeting of this group since October, 1957
and there has been no reported activity on the part of this
group for some time prior to this date. Even though this
group is reported inactive, Richmond will obtain the identity
of members of this group and likewise additional targets for
contact will be selected and submitted to the Bureau for ap-
proval. Concerning the DSSIL group, names of known members
in the Charlottesville area are being obtained and likewise
logical individuals are being selected for the purpose of
affording additional coverage in this group.

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In Prince Edward County, the only organization
which has been reported active in this area, is DSSIL. It
should be noted that the president of the State organization
of DSSIL is from this area as well as other State officials
of the organization.

Concerning the membership of DSSIL in Prince Ed-
ward County, the News Leader, Richmond, Virginia, in its issue
dated July 17, 1957, reported the DSSIL membership in Prince
Edward County at approximately 1000.

Continued contact has been maintained with [redacted]
[redacted] Farmville, Virginia, an authorized
source, and no pertinent information has developed.

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By letter dated May 20, 1958, captioned "Defenders
of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties: IS - X" Richmond
requested authorization to contact [redacted] Farm-
ville, Virginia, as a source in this matter.

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Likewise, Richmond is currently identifying members
of DSSIL in Prince Edward County for the purpose of identifying

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logical sources to submit for Bureau approval.

This matter will be vigorously approached to insure that appropriate coverage is obtained. It will receive my personal attention.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-34237)

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (105-626) -C-

SUBJECT: CITIZENS COUNCILS
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 12/4/62

Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta dated 11/20/62.

A review of Richmond files, checks with established sources and a review of public source material reflects there are no Citizens Councils in the territory covered by the Richmond Division.

In connection with this matter, the file concerning Defenders of State Sovereignty and Individual Liberties, Bufile 105-32909, was considered. It was noted that this organization has never been involved in any militant or illegal action and it is not believed this organization comes within the category of Citizens Councils.

Richmond will continue to be alert for any information indicating activity on the part of any Citizens Councils through established sources and informants in Klan and hate groups operating in Virginia and a close scrutiny will be maintained of news media for any information pertaining to this matter.

Any information received will be promptly brought to the attention of the Bureau.

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